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In re application of

Docket No: Q67592

Touru TERADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/015,691

Group Art Unit: 1725

Confirmation No.: 8085

Examiner: Len TRAN

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For: BONDING APPARATUS

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on July 14, 2004:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was provided to the Applicant's representative, Mr. Brandon M. White, Esq. at the conclusion of the interview.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: not applicable.
2. Identification of claims discussed: 1-4.
3. Identification of art discussed: U.S. Patent No. 6,193,132 to Shibata *et al.* and U.S. Patent No. 6,337,489 to Matsumoto *et al.* The Examiner was requested to explain to the

Applicant's representative how the Examiner was reading these references on claims 1 and 4.

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The Examiner explained that it was his position that to render apparatus claims obvious, prior art must only be *capable* of operating with the limitations of the apparatus claims.

4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: No amendments were proposed by Applicant's representative. The Examiner proposed that Applicant submit an Amendment including method claims.
5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Not applicable.
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: Not applicable.
7. Results of Interview: No commitment was made by the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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